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TO AMCONSUL HONG KONG

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SUBJECT: NEW CHANCERY CONSTRUCTION/SEABEE SURVEILLANCE  
AMERICAN EMBASSY TOKYO

REF: HONG KONG 14673 (NOTAL)

1. SY IN CONCURRENCE WITH RSS AND RSO REQUEST FOR TSO ASSISTANCE ON SURVEILLANCE OF NEW OFFICE BUILDING CONSTRUCTION IN TOKYO. PER PREVIOUS CORRESPONDENCE WITH RSO, SY HAS BEEN EXPLORING POSSIBILITY OF PERMANENT TSO ASSIGNMENT IN TOKYO TO HANDLE JAPAN AND KOREA TECHNICAL SECURITY PROBLEMS. HOWEVER, PERMANENT ESTABLISHMENT OF TSO OFFICE IN TOKYO HAS NOT BEEN PURSUED WITH EITHER POST OR BUREAU TO THIS DATE.

2. AMCONGEN HONG KONG HAS EXPRESSED CONCERN OVER RECENT  
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INCREASE IN THE HONG KONG RTC COMPLEMENT. THUS, IN LIGHT  
OF COMPLEX TECHNICAL SECURITY SYSTEMS TO BE PLANNED AND IN-

STALLED IN NEW OFFICE BUILDING, AND ON GOING MAINTENANCE REQUIREMENTS, SY IS PREPARED TO TRANSFER ONE TSO POSITION FROM HONG KONG TO TOKYO IF REQUEST RECEIVED FROM EMBASSY TOKYO. OFFICER COULD ARRIVE IN MARCH, 1976.

3. WITH DEPARTURE OF VEA AND ASSIGNMENT OF BAGNAL, IT DOES NOT APPEAR FEASIBLE TO USE HONG KONG TSO FOR TDY COVERAGE IN TOKYO UNTIL THAT TIME. THIS WOULD LEAVE ONLY ONE TSO COVERING ENTIRE HONG KONG REGION DURING TRANSITION PERIOD.

4. TSO WHITE IN CANBERRA IS INSTRUCTED TO PROVIDE TDY COVERAGE OF NEW OFFICE BUILDING CONSTRUCTION IN TOKYO. THIS COVERAGE SHOULD BEGIN AS SOON AFTER JANUARY 1 AS POSSIBLE WITH ANTICIPATED DURATION LASTING THROUGH END OF FEBRUARY.

5. WITH PRESENT WORLD-WIDE PRIORITY SEABEE COMMITMENTS AND AVAILABLE MANPOWER, THE POSSIBILITY OF MEETING TOKYO'S REQUIREMENT OF SIX CONSEC SEABEES IS RATHER DIFFICULT. IT IS HOPED THAT POST'S ACCEPTANCE OF A TSO POSITION WOULD PARTIALLY ALLEVIATE OBVIOUS NEED FOR AUGMENTATION OF THE PRESENT COMPLEMENT OF THREE SEABEES AT THIS TIME. ROBINSON

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